

REMARKS

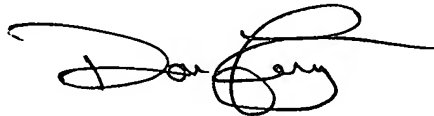
Claims 2-10 are drawn to the nonelected invention, and were canceled in parent application Serial No. 09/734,018 by examiner's amendment. Claims 2 and 9 are amended herein, claim 1 is canceled, and new claims 11-13 are introduced. An early examination on the merits is requested.

Favorable action is solicited.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants consider that the rejections of record have been obviated and respectfully solicit passage of the application to issue.

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